

FLOOD PLAIN PERMIT COMMITTEE MEETING

*201 West Gray, Building A, South Conference Room
Tuesday, January 17, 2012
8:30 a.m.*

Minutes

PRESENT: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works
Susan Connors, Director of Planning/Community Development
Bob Hanger, Storm Water Engineer
Ken Danner, Subdivision Manager
Doug Koscinski, Current Planning Manager
Sherri Stansel, Citizen Member
Marion Hutchison, Citizen Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd McLellan, Development Engineer
Julie Shelton, Staff
Ann Huckabee, Property Owner
Ole Marcussen, SMC Consulting
Bobby Sharp, Conoco Phillips

O'Leary began the meeting by asking the committee for approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting. Motion for approval from Koscinski. Seconded by Connors. Approved 7-0.

Item No. 1, Flood Plain Permit Application No. 497: O'Leary informed the committee that Vernon McKown had submitted a request for a permit to enlarge an existing pond and use the excavated material to create a stockpile and berm on his property located on the east side of 60th Avenue NW north of west Tecumseh Road. McLellan introduced Marcussen representing the applicant and explained the amount of material that had already been excavated and stockpiled east of the pond and the berm on the east side of 60th Avenue NW. McLellan added that any additional excavated material would be used to supply fill material for the 60th Avenue NW Widening Project if the material meets ODOT requirements. The committee viewed the pictures of the property located in the 10 Mile Flat Creek floodplain. The pond was shown to be 3 acres as indicated on the SMC drawing. In addition, according the McArthur Study, the existing ground elevation is above the base flood elevation in several areas. Discussion ensued about the existing flow path of the water. Hutchison asked for clarification on where the main flow line is located and it was pointed out that the berm is not obstructing any flow path of water. McLellan continued by noting that the property is located in the City of Norman floodplain and not the FEMA floodplain and indicated that once the 60th Avenue Roadway Project is complete, a LOMR would be done and an updated map would be obtained. McLellan noted the applicable ordinance sections including restrictions in the floodplain and the fill requirements are being met for compensatory storage. A certified letter indicating no rise in the base flood elevation had also

been obtained from the engineer for this project. Marcussen answered additional questions from Hutchison and O'Leary in regards to residential use and storage of the additional fill. McLellan pointed out that a hydraulic analysis will have to be done when the 60th Avenue Roadway project is complete and indicated that a determination would be made as to whether the berm would create a problem for water flow. O'Leary clarified the dates of the 60th Avenue Roadway project. Discussion ensued on whether to allow the berm to remain. Motion for approval from Hutchison to include recommendation that the staff analysis report be updated to include the section about the pond to clarify that it is less than 5 acres, 2) any further material removed from the pond must be removed from the site, and 3) an opening in the berm bank of at least 10 feet must be excavated until such time as the LOMR is approved to allow water to flow through. Seconded by Stansel. Approved 7-0.

Item No. 2, Flood Plain Permit Application No. 496:

O'Leary introduced the application as a request for a floodplain permit from Conoco Phillips to repair or replace a small section of a steel natural gas pipeline located near 24th Avenue NW south of the Second Chance Animal shelter. McLellan introduced Sharp to the committee and explained the details of the permit application to include the site location. McLellan explained the pipeline inspection process to include caliper tools being ran through sections of the pipeline to check the condition of the pipe. Upon inspection, an anomaly was indicated where the pipeline crosses 24th Avenue on the east side. In order to determine the blockage, excavation and replacement of that section of the pipeline will have to be done. It was indicated that the area will be backfilled and restored to its original grade and any excess materials will be hauled off site. Applicable ordinance sections were noted and a certified statement from the engineer has been received to indicate no rise in the base flood elevation. Brief overview from Sharp and brief discussion from committee on time frame of this project and how to locate the anomaly. Motion for approval from Danner. Seconded by Koscinski. Approved 7-0.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Miscellaneous discussion from committee to include the Year End Summary from 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.